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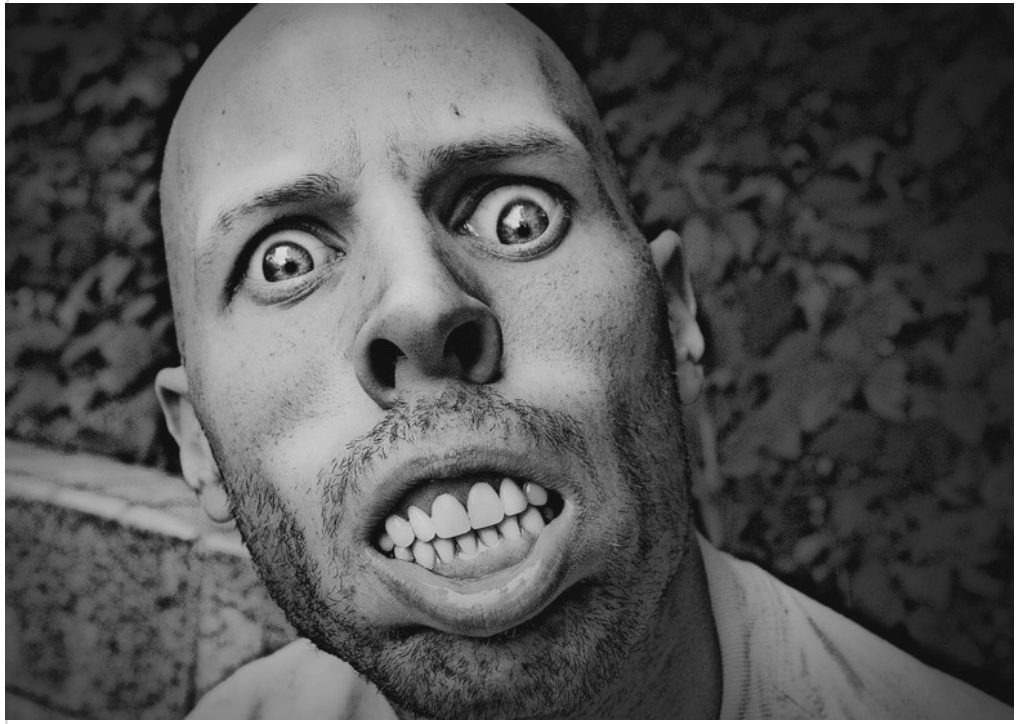

THE IMPENDING APOCALYPSE:

SURVING ZOMBIES ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS

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WARNING

- This tutorial is intended for college students only. If you are still in high school or are below the age of eighteen, seek assistance elsewhere.

- This tutorial exists for the sole purpose of preventing, surviving, and terminating a zombie apocalypse. If you are/fear/suspect/ encounter a
    A. vampire
    B. werewolf
    C. changeling
    D. rougarou
    E. any combination of A-D

  this tutorial **will not** save you.

TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS

If you suspect for any reason that you have already transformed, **seek medical attention immediately.**

> Why did I not die? More miserable than man ever was before, why did I not sink into forgetfulness and rest? Death snatches away many blooming children… and the next a prey for worms and the decay of the tomb! Of what materials was I made, that I could thus resist so many shocks, which, like the turning of the wheel, continually renewed the torture? But I was doomed to live.
>
> —Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*

5. Restoration

5a. Regroup

Gather as many people together as possible.

5b. Reestablish [Power]

Hunt and kill. Build a small army, then attack and eradicate all surviving zombies. Show them who's in charge (then show them nothing but the dark end of a bludgeoning).

5c. Rebuild

Create a gathering a place. Organize yourselves by skill and put each individual's unique abilities to use. You're a phoenix. Fly.

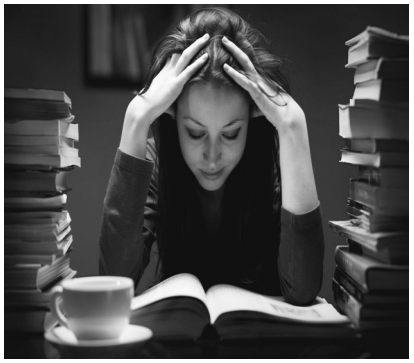
5d. Read

Give back to those books that protected you. Open their pages and let the dust fall out of them. Learn something from the past; create something new for the future.

5e. Remember

[Never forget.]

PREVENTION



With our extensive lists of papers to write, tests to study for, meetings to hold, work to attend to, and grad school applications to fill, few of us desire the added worries of baby bumps and the zombie apocalypse. In this special public service announcement, we'll "wrap up" the best things you can do to keep yourself happy, healthy, and human during our imminent doom.

1. Preventative Health

1a. An apple a day keeps the zombies at bay.

Especially if it's organic.

1b. Commit to be fit.

Not a runner? Try a couch-to-5k before you're a couch-to-fillet!

1c. Brush your teeth.

Before you sleep. After you rise. Don't be caught looking like a zombie disguise.

1d. Let the bed-bugs bite...

...so zombies don't later. As students, we're very accustomed to sleepless nights. Similarly, we're all too familiar with the zombie-esque qualities of one who has not slept enough. Don't give the zombies the advantage.

The word "zombie" is derived from the Congo word "nzambi." Haitian Witch Doctors are believed to reanimate the recently deceased, particularly those of weak will or spirit.

2. Preventative Knowledge

2a. Keep your friends close...

The spirits typically chosen by the Witch Doctors belong to those who, in life, were particularly mischievous toward their friends.

2b. ...and your enemies closer.

How well do you know your enemy? Likes/dislikes? Hobbies? Read/watch any number of contemporary zombie novels, movies, guides and episodes of The Walking Dead for a better understanding of your foe.

TERMINATION

[a.k.a. Save the World]

You've survived. The zombies are still Thrillering it up across campus, but by now you've evaded them so many times, you don't even flinch when one jumps out from a corner. You've caught wind that several distressed damsels and/or dames are trapped in Calder, and for the first time you feel destined for something.

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AT THE LOBBY SHOP

- ☐ Mountain Dew Throwback // Go Go Juice.
- ☐ All Natural Granola // Your mad gathering skills will be for naught—save for stale leaves, come winter.
- ☐ Burt's Bees // You'll bee miserable without it.

AT THE BOOKSTORE

- ☐ Under Armour // The only way to survive GV winters without central heating.
- ☐ Skull Candy Over-Ear Headphones // Makeshift ear-muffs.
- ☐ Used Books // Kindling.

IN THE KITCHEN

- ☐ Knives // Weaponry. Hunting. Defense.
- ☐ Left Overs // Gathering indoors (while supplies last).
- ☐ Spices // Throw the zombies off your scent with a concoction of paprika, oregano , cumin, & cinnamon.

3. Preventative Training

3a. Hunting and gathering.

On Grand Valley's campus, this means rummaging through the ravines and learning to stew the occasional cat over a fire of used textbooks.

3b. Commit to be fit. *And* skilled.

*During the apocalypse, running **will** be essential to survival. But so will the skills of kickboxing, rock climbing, archery, parkour. Prepare yourself with special courses at a Rec Center near you.*

[FIGHT *AND* FLIGHT] :

3c. Be quickest on the draw.

Being able to escape is great, but being able to pop a zombie in the brains is even better.

SURVIVAL

Of course, with the apocalypse anticipated only weeks from now—and papers, projects, and exams between now and then—it's realistic to assume that many of us simply do not possess the time and resources to read zombie novels and spend several hours a day obnoxiously training at the gym. Though the zombies' hunger won't wait for you to be prepared, we thought we'd still try to leave you a glass half full.

4. Survival Tips and Tricks

[once the apocalypse is fully underway]

4a. Location, location, location.

*It's a little known fact that zombies **hate** books. They outright detest the things. Head to the library ASAP. Not only will the zombies have little interest in following, but you'll be supplied with a good supply of large maps, additional guides, and easy reading to pass the time.*

4b. Always have backup.

Assuming you are not the only survivor on GV's campus, always have an apocalypse buddy. Depend on each other for cover during risky escape-the-zombie-mob operations. Prevent each other from becoming strangely attached to volleyballs.

4c. Keep something heavy on hand.

Chances are firearms will be hard to come by. Be prepared to get down and dirty with some gnarly brain smashing like none you've ever even imagined!

4d. Well, err... populate.

The future of humanity depends on you.